

FIRE ESCAPES FOR THE SCHOOLS

Contract Awarded to Hartford Firm and Work Will Start at Once—Nine Buildings to be Supplied—Board Faces Mazes of Compensation Act.

For three hours and three-quarters on Tuesday evening, from 8 o'clock till 11:45, the entire board of education gave its time and attention to discussing plans for meeting the needs of the schools of the town. It was a meeting adjourned from last Friday night.

Representatives of the fire escape concerns appeared before the board with statements in regard to their respective goods, and on the merits of the case the contract was awarded to the Hartford Iron Works. The price for the work had not been tallied up exactly on Tuesday night, and for that reason the board decided that the figures would not be given out to the public until later. The fire escapes are to conform to the law which went into effect last summer, and will necessitate escapes on nine school buildings. The board has been considering the matter of escapes for some time, and in bringing attention to the matter have had the co-operation of Fire Marshal Howard L. Stanton. The work on the fire escapes will be started by the Hartford firm at once.

The board had a general discussion concerning the readjustment of insurance rates, and this was left to the committee in care of the property. There was some attention paid to the distinction drawn by the underwriters between buildings and equipment, and it seemed necessary that there be some line of demarcation between the two.

The contract, in the sum of \$84, for a new fence at the Broadway school was let to Peck, McWilliams & Co. H. Blackledge & Co. entered a bid of \$90.

The intricacies of the workmen's compensation act gave the members of the board a pause. After a period of discussion of some of the main questions in regard to insuring teachers and janitors under the terms of the new state law, Chairman Shepard, B. Palmer and Secretary Thomas J. Kelly were made a committee to confer with the selectmen of the town and with the town counsel.

Besides these more important matters, the board discussed others intimately connected with the welfare of the schools.

486 MAIL SACKS THROUGH NORWICH OFFICE.

Incoming Matter Outnumbered Outgoing by Eight Bags on Tuesday.

Tuesday was one of the biggest days in the history of the Norwich post-office, 486 sacks of mail being handled in the course of the day. Clerks were forced to work overtime and substitutes clerks and carriers were required to handle the business. Extra teams were in use to assist the carriers. Everybody was busy all day, but when the office was closed for the night all outgoing mail was packed out and all the local matter distributed or arranged ready for distribution in the morning.

Every department felt the unusual amount of business, and sales at the stamp window amounted to between \$700 and \$800 during the day. There were 249 sacks of mail sent away during Tuesday and 248 sacks of incoming mail were handled. Postmaster Caruthers is handling the business systematically, and his policy of getting all the work done before quitting time each night prevents overwhelming congestion.

PRESENTED THERMOS BOTTLES.

Subscribers to the Fund Remembered by the American Thermos Bottle Company.

Gifts of Thermos bottles were presented as Christmas presents to the subscribers to the Thermos fund on Tuesday by the company, each being done up in a neat package and bearing the following card:

Thermos-on-Thames.
Christmas, 1913.

The accompanying gift is a new model of Thermos in design and construction, produced for the first time in the up-to-date factory building on Laurel Hill. This was made possible by your co-operation as a subscriber to the Thermos fund.

The American Thermos Bottle Company request you to accept this typical product with the compliments of the season and best wishes for the prosperity of your good self and the Rose of New England.

WILLIAM B. WALKER,
President.

36 YEARS A PRIEST.

Rev. Hugh Treanor Observed the Anniversary in Waterbury Sunday.

Thirty-five years ago yesterday, said Monday evening's Waterbury Democrat, Rev. Hugh Treanor, pastor of the Church of the Sacred Heart, was ordained to the priesthood. This event was observed in a quiet manner yesterday, although a score of his numerous friends called and tendered their congratulations. It will be 36 years ago Christmas day that Father Treanor, who was ordained by Cardinal Gibbons, at that time archbishop of Baltimore, celebrated his first solemn high mass in St. Peter's church, Hartford. Since that time Father Treanor has been stationed at Norwich, Norwich, and has seen nearly fourteen years of service in Waterbury. Rev. Hugh Treanor was born in Providence, R. I., and received his primary education in the public schools of that city. He attended the Sulpician college, Mount St. Charles college, Ellicott City, Md., and later St. Mary's seminary, Baltimore. On December 21, 1878, he was ordained a priest, and following the celebration of his first mass he was appointed assistant at St. Mary's church, Norwich, where he remained for six years.

Early in 1885 it was announced in this city that a new parish would be formed, and in January of that year Father Treanor was selected by Right Rev. Bishop McMahon to supervise the work of organizing several hundred parishioners of the Immaculate Conception church and in founding the Sacred Heart parish. Father Treanor preached his first sermon in this city on February 22. The members of the new congregation held their service on March 1, 1885, in St. Patrick's chapel on East Main street. The basement of the present church was completed in 1886.

After laboring here for 13 years Father Treanor moved to Norwich, where he remained for 15 years, and the same faithfulness which characterized his work in this city was in evidence and noted by the members of his new church. A year ago, however, it was announced that Father Treanor would return, and although Norwich Catholics were greatly pleased when he assumed his duties as pastor of the church he founded.

The growth of the Sacred Heart parish has been one of the many features which has marked the progress of this city and the Catholic churches throughout the state. At present Father Treanor is capably assisted by Rev. Edward T. Walsh and Rev. Andrew Farrell, Ph.D.

Two C. V. Trains Go Off.
Beginning Sunday, January 4 Central Vermont Railway Co. will discontinue two trains between New London and Willimantic, one each way. The trains to be discontinued are the one leaving here for Willimantic at 7:40 in the morning and the same train leaving Willimantic in the evening and arriving in New London at 7:20. The trains will probably be returned to service after the winter months.

Wild Geese Going North.
A flock of wild geese was seen going over the city in a northerly direction about 7:30 o'clock Tuesday morning. There were nine all told, and as they were flying low it was noticed that they were of large size. From the zigzag course they were flying they appeared to be lost.

Mrs. Merrill Lawton has come from her home in Chaplin, Conn., says the Springfield, Mass. News, to pass several months with her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Lawton, of Thompson street, as is her custom.

RED CROSS STAMP SALE ABOUT 65,000

District Total Expected to Come Up to Last Year's High Mark of 82,000.

From present indications it appears that the sale of Red Cross stamps will at least equal the record of last year when \$2,000 were disposed of through the local branch of the American Red Cross society. President F. J. Leavens has general supervision of the work with Mrs. Robert W. Perkins in charge of factory and out of town distribution and Miss Mary DeCelles in charge of the sale of stamps in the local stores and postoffice. Putnam, Danielson, Willimantic and Jewett City are included in this district.

Mrs. Perkins has already disposed of 37,000 stamps personally and has placed a large number in the hands of others for distribution. The manufacturers and large stores through the territory covered have taken large numbers of the stamps.

About 20,000 stamps have been sold through Miss DeCelles. At the Boston store and Porteous & Mitchell store about 4,000 each have been sold while the girl at the postoffice has sold 6,000. Miss DeCelles has sold 5,000 personally. Though it is impossible to tell the exact number it is probable that 65,000 Red Cross stamps have been sold up to the present time.

HEROIC BALLADS OF SERBIA.

Translation by George R. Noyes Son of Rev. Charles Noyes at Otis Library.

"Heroic ballads of Serbia," lately issued, is translated by George Russell Noyes, son of Rev. Charles Noyes of Carroll avenue and verified by Leonard Bacon, formerly of Park church in this city.

This book will be of interest to local readers because of the authors' connection with prominent citizens of our town and the intrinsic value of the book itself.

The introduction notes that the ballads of Serbia occupy a high position, perhaps the highest position, in the ballad literature of Europe.

The Otis library has placed this volume on its shelves.

LICENSE SUSPENDED.

Captain Whitney Backed Steamer Into Ferryboat at Yale-Harvard Race Time.

Capt. Frank R. Whitney, who was in charge of the small passenger steamer Myra on June 19, when she backed into ferryboat Governor Winthrop, as the latter was leaving her slip, has been deprived of his license for 90 days by the decision of inspectors Wilbey and Stewart. The inspectors found that Captain Whitney, licensed as an operator and navigator, violated several sections of the pilot rules.

The Myra of New Haven was in port

The Maurice Sample Shop

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY

—OF OUR—
Second Anniversary Sale

ABOUT 100 COATS

to select from, sizes from 16 to 40, values up to \$18.50

Today \$10.00 Only

For Christmas Presents

Waists Crepe de Chines, Messalines, Chiffon, Voile, Marquisette, Crepe, Etc., at 95c and up.

Petticoats A Rainbow of Shades, at \$1.79, \$3.00 and \$3.95

Furs MUFFS at \$2.95 and up

SETS at \$6.95 and up

Furs at 1-3 Off Regular Prices

with a crowd of Waterbury Odd Fellows aboard to see the Yale-Harvard races. On the night before the races the little steamer left Central wharf without stationing a lookout at the stern, giving a signal by one long blast of her whistle and without a white light at to show all around the horizon.

The pilot of the ferry steamer and passengers on the Myra were witnesses to these infractions. Captain Whitney lives at 139 Water street, New Haven.

LAMBTOWN SCHOOL

Exercises and Tree for Pupils Arranged by Miss Gray.

The fall term of the Lambtown school closed Friday evening, Dec. 19, at 7 o'clock with appropriate Christmas exercises. The following programme was successfully carried out under the direction of the teacher, Miss Minnie E. Gray: Song, school, The Little Lord Jesus; Christmas carols by nine children; Peace on Earth, Annie Lamb; Sweet Christmas Bells, Oscar Lee; Christmas Bells, Fannie Wylder; Joy for Christmas, Philip Watrous; a play in one act entitled Sitting Up for Santa; When Santa Claus Comes, Maybelle Lee; Christmas, Fred Wylder; The Marriage of Santa Claus, Rachel Watrous; The Christmas Ride, Stephen Watrous; The Birth of Christ, Lucile Watrous; song, school, Chime On, Sweet Bells; a dialogue, Santa Claus and His Fairies; An Up-to-Date Santa Claus, Carl Whipple; a dialogue, Just Like Papa; Winter, Doris Whipple; St. Nick is Nigh, John Crouch; His Vow, Alice Wylder; Come Again, Santa, Clarence Wylder; A Christmas Address by Uncle Sam (Enoch Montomery) and a response by Mabel Lee; song, America, sung by the school in honor of Uncle Sam.

Several selections were rendered on the phonograph throughout the programme by Emil Wylder. The school room was artistically decorated with laurel and evergreen, draped with festoons of red and green caught up with Christmas bells.

The evening was immensely enjoyed by a large crowd, \$2 being present. The exercises closed with the distribution of presents by Santa Claus and his assistant, Uncle Sam.

SEVERE SKIN AFFECTION.

Cured by Our Reliable Skin Remedy, Saxo Salve.

"I suffered from a severe skin affection so I could not sleep nights. I was almost crazy with itching. I would scratch and almost tear myself to pieces. I tried a great many remedies without relief. When I saw Saxo Salve advertised I decided to try it and one tube entirely cured me. I recommend it wherever I go."—A. L. Morgan, Endicott, N. Y.

Many persons around here suffer so much from eczema that they cannot sleep at night. Saxo Salve stops the terrible itching and soothes and heals the eruptions.

In all kinds of eczema, salt rheum, tetter, barber's itch, etc., Saxo Salve has wonderful healing power because it penetrates the skin pores and destroys the germs at the very seat of the disease.

We give back your money if Saxo Salve does not help you. Broadway Pharmacy, G. G. Engler, Norwich, Conn.

P. S. Eczema and other skin affections often result from poor, thin, impoverished blood. We guarantee Vinol as the best blood tonic we know.

The Porteous & Mitchell Co.

TODAY AND THIS EVENING—
THEN CHRISTMAS

Here we are on the Last Shopping Day Before Christmas in excellent condition to serve you. Stocks replenished, fixed up, assorted, filled in and ready for the big rush.

Here are four floors filled with complete stocks of merchandise suitable for gift purposes, all at the most moderate prices—made possible by our established merchandising policy.

For the convenience of Holiday Shoppers all Holiday Goods will be placed on SPECIAL COUNTERS AT SPECIAL PRICES

Liberal assortments of everything up to the last minute. What you can't find elsewhere you can find here—and bear in mind, THAT OUR PRICES ARE POSITIVELY THE LOWEST TO BE HAD ANYWHERE. We guarantee that.

READY FOR BUSINESS AT 8.15 THIS MORNING AND OPEN TONIGHT UNTIL EVERYONE'S WANTS ARE SATISFIED.

DEMONSTRATION AND SALE

In Music Department, Third Floor,

of the

Edison New Diamond Disc Phonograph

PRICED \$60.00 AND UPWARDS

SOLD ON EASY PAYMENTS

We extend a general invitation to call and hear these wonderful instruments demonstrated

Toys Toys Toys

All Toys are arranged on Special Counters and price ticketed. Don't fail to visit our Toy Department for the best assortment and greatest values in Toys to be had in Norwich.

Books Books Books

All Books are arranged on Special Price Tables and ticketed. See our special values in Christmas Calendars.

Games Games Games

ALL ON SPECIAL COUNTERS AT SPECIAL PRICES

Games of all kinds—some new and novel as well as many of the old-time favorites. Games are located in the Millinery section.

Pictures Pictures Pictures

Hundreds of Framed Pictures that would make very acceptable Christmas gifts, including three very special lots—at 29c, \$1.19 and \$1.39.

Japanese Chinaware at Special Prices

See our Special Tables of Japanese Ware—Vases, Cake Plates, Cracker Jars, Chocolate Sets, Etc.—Very Special values at \$1.00, \$1.19 and \$2.19.

Bath Robe Patterns and Fine Blankets for Gifts

50 Bath Robe Patterns in a variety of handsome designs and colorings—very special value at \$1.98
High Grade, All Wool Blankets, in solid colors, regular \$15.00 \$8.95
Extra fine California Double Blankets, all in individual boxes—very special values at \$10.00 and \$12.50 a pair

HANDKERCHIEFS The Universal Christmas Gift

If you are considering Handkerchiefs as a gift you will find here the most comprehensive stock and GREATEST VALUES to be had anywhere. There are Handkerchiefs for Men, for Women, for Children—ranging in price from an inexpensive Child's Handkerchief at 3c up to a Woman's Fine Lace Handkerchief at \$1.50.

FOR QUICK SERVICE HANDKERCHIEFS ARE ARRANGED ON SPECIAL COUNTERS

SEE our splendid showing of Children's Handkerchiefs in boxes, including Initials—at 25c a box.

SEE our immense showing of Men's Handkerchiefs, both plain and Initialed.

SEE our special showing of Women's Embroidered Handkerchiefs at 12½c and 25c.

SEE our attractive line of Women's FINE Handkerchiefs, embroidered, Armenian, Princess Lace, Etc., at 50c, 75c and \$1.00.

Women's Silk Hosiery A Gift for Every Woman

See our comprehensive showing of Women's Silk Hosiery—very good kind—at 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50 a pair.

SEE OUR SPECIAL VALUE SILK HOSE AT \$1.00 A PAIR

Gifts for Men In Men's Department

Visit our Men's Department for gifts for men—House Coats, Bath Robes, Shirts, Pajamas, Neckwear, Suspenders, Gloves, Sweaters, Hosiery, Etc.

Useful Gifts In Boys' Department

Visit our Boys' Department for useful gifts—Boys' Suits and Women's Sweaters—Aviation Caps, Waists, Blouses, Cowboy and Indian Chief Outfits.

Women's and Children's Neckwear

Be sure and visit our Neckwear Department on Main floor where you will find all the latest novelties in our immense showing of Neckwear.

Gifts of Service On Our Second Floor

Women's Aprons, Muslin Underwear, Wrappers, Kimonos, Bath Robes, Petticoats, Etc. All the newest styles in Women's Waists in individual boxes.

Depend Upon Our Infants' Department

for gifts for infants—Mittens, Booties, Bonnets, Socks, Leggings, Sweaters, Bath Robes, Etc.

Buy Your Christmas Candy Here

All the choicest and purest confections will be found at our Candy Department and at reasonable prices. Buy your Christmas Candy here and be assured of complete satisfaction.

We Give Royal Gold Trading Stamps. Ask For Them

Seasonable Specialties

Everything for Your Christmas Table. We Have the Largest Variety and Greatest Display of Poultry in Eastern Connecticut. You Cannot Buy Right Unless You First See Our Display and Compare Our Prices.

5000 lbs. Fancy Christmas Turkeys

Fancy Northern Turkeys - lb. 24c

Choice York State Turkeys lb. 26c

Select Vermont Turkeys VERY FANCY lb. 28c

Fancy Long Island DUCKS - - lb. 25c

Choice Long Island GEESE - - lb. 25c

Fresh Little Pig PORK LOINS, lb. 15½c

Small Sugar Cured HAM - - lb. 15½c

VEAL CHOPS - - - - lb. 16c

Malaga Grapes, lb. 12c

FANCY CRANBERRIES, lb. 10c

Mixed NUTS, lb. 15c

SWEET, JUICY ORANGES - - dozen 15c

Cheese, lb. 20c

A.&P. PLUM PUDDING

No. 1 Can 23c

No. 2 Can 43c

Raisins - - pkg. 10c

Currants - - pkg. 10c

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